

# Town of Carman Fall Newsletter

September 2012



## Staffing Additions

We would like to introduce you to the newest employees with the Town of Carman. **RYAN MAJOR** started working with the Public Works department on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. **TAMMY DENIS** joined the office staff and will be working at least three days per week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday), starting September 17<sup>th</sup> helping **ISABELLE WADDELL** who has reduced her days to Wednesday through Friday.



## New Website Launched

The new Town of Carman and RM of Dufferin website has been launched.

The new site is very user-friendly and maintains updates from the social media networks. If you have [www.townofcarman.com](http://www.townofcarman.com) bookmarked as one of your favorites, you will be redirected to the new site which is [www.carmanmanitoba.ca](http://www.carmanmanitoba.ca).



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# Emergency Preparedness

## Emergency Telephone Numbers

- Police, Fire, Ambulance, Poison Treatment EMERGENCY NUMBER—911

Six things to tell the operator when you need help:

- Who you need – Police, Fire or Ambulance.
- Where you need the help – your address.
- What is happening NOW.
- How did it happen.
- When did it happen.
- What your name is.

## Helpful Hints:

- Teach everyone in your family how to make emergency calls.
- If you accidentally call 911, stay on the line so the operator knows that help is not needed and will not notify Police to investigate.
- When calling from a cell phone you will be asked for your specific location.
- Have a designated meeting place near home and a different one when you are away from home.

## Have the following information by your phone:

- Your emergency number – 911
- Your address
- Your phone number
- Directions to your home from the Police station or Fire Hall.

*This emergency information has been provided by Carman Dufferin Emergency Coordinator and the LERCG committee.*



**Being prepared for emergencies is the focus of the Local Emergency Response Control Group (LERCG). This group meets monthly and is actively recruiting members.**

## Tornadoes

Tornadoes are violent windstorms identified by their twisting funnel-shaped cloud. They are always produced by thunderstorms but not every thunderstorm produces a tornado. They travel between 20 and 90 km/hour, are erratic, and can change course suddenly. Do not chase tornadoes. **Tornado watch** means the weather could develop a tornado. **Tornado warning** means a tornado has been seen or it is very likely that one will develop shortly.

## Warning Signs of Tornadoes

- \*Severe thunderstorms with frequent thunder and lightning.
- \*An extremely dark sky sometimes highlighted by green and yellow clouds.
- \*A rumbling sound, such as a freight train or whistling sound similar to a jet aircraft.
- \*A funnel cloud at the rear of a thunder cloud, often behind a curtain of heavy rain or hail.

## What To Do During a Tornado

*If you are near a building*

1. Listen to your radio during severe thunderstorms.
2. If a Tornado Warning has been issued take cover immediately.
3. Go to the basement or take shelter in a small interior ground floor room, closet or hallway.
4. Protect yourself by sitting under a heavy table or desk.
5. Stay away from windows and outside walls and doors.
6. Do not use elevators.
7. Avoid large halls, churches, arenas, etc. - their roofs are more likely to collapse.
8. Stay close to the ground, protect your head and hide from flying debris.

*If you are driving*

1. Try and get to a nearby shelter – drive away from the tornado at a right angle.
2. Do not get caught in a car or mobile home- take shelter elsewhere. If no shelter is available, lie face down in a ditch or culvert away from the vehicle or mobile home.
3. If a tornado seems to be standing still, it is either traveling away from you or heading right for you.
4. Stay close to the ground, protect your head and hide from flying debris.



# Town Beautification



**Thank you...Thank you...Thank you...**

Town beautification is always a priority and our Green Team consisting of **CHELSEA POULTON** and **TAYLOR MUTCHER** worked hard to ensure everything looked beautiful for residents and visitors!

Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors of the flowerbeds located on Main Street. This year the beds were sponsored by the following:

**SANDRA SINGLE**

**VAL DURAND**

**CHELSEA POULTON & TAYLOR MUTCHER**

**CARMAN KINETTES**

**TD CANADA TRUST STAFF**

**RAINBOW RESIDENCE**

**BACK DOOR YOUTH CENTRE**

A huge thank you also goes to **VANDERVEENS' GREENHOUSES** for their generous donation of the plants and the expertise in planting and care for the hanging baskets. They were exceptional again this year!

**Thank you...Thank you...Thank you...**

## Transfer Station Winter Hours

October 1 to March 31<sup>st</sup>

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday

CLOSED

Saturday

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Happiness is not something you postpone for the future;  
it is something you design for the present.**

Jim Rohn



# Outdoor Exercise Equipment

**Carman Active Living Centre** board has successfully secured funding for outdoor exercise equipment that will be installed east of their building along the Community Pathway. The Active Living executive worked cooperatively with the Carman Dufferin Recreation Commission and the Community Pathway Committee to raise funds for this exciting project. This equipment will enhance our exceptional pathway system!

## Suggestion from the Local Emergency Response Control Group...

**Households should keep a NON cordless phone in your house in the case of a power outage. A cheap one will work – the catch is that it can't require a power supply and must just plug into a regular phone jack!**



Town Public Work employees work on preparing the site for the Outdoor Exercise Equipment being installed along the pathway by the Active Living Centre.



*The Town Public Works staff will continue with Compost pick up until Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Depending upon the weather, this service MAY be extended beyond this time. Please watch the local paper for extensions to this date or call the Town Office (204-745-2443).*

*Wishing you and your family a  
Happy Thanksgiving!  
Council & Staff of the  
Town of Carman*

## E-Bills are here!

We are happy to announce that our E-Bill program is now up and running. If you are interested in receiving your water bill via your email account, please email [info@townofcarman.com](mailto:info@townofcarman.com).

The next step would be to have your account set up by preauthorized payment!

***Hate panicking on property tax due date? Preauthorized payment options available are annual or equal monthly payments that are made on the last business day of the month. Call the Town office (204-745-2443) for more information!***